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On May 25, 2002, the Board approved the 2004-2005 One-Year Action Plan for the Thirtieth Program Year (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005) to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of meeting the County's housing and community development needs. The Mary Henry Telemedicine Clinic, operated by the Wilmington Community Clinic, is part of the Community Development Commission's Telemedicine Program. Last year the clinic provided primary and specialty care through telemedicine to 286 patients, of which 214 were very low-income and 51 were low-income. The clinic, which is located at 10901 South Vermont in the unincorporated area of South Los Angeles, has not been funded under the Thirtieth Program Year.

The Community Development Commission founded the Telemedicine Program in 1996 in conjunction with Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science to provide ophthalmology care to public housing residents and communities who had no access to necessary medical services. This care is provided through high-speed computers that link clinic sites, which are located on or near public housing developments, with Charles R. Drew University/Martin Luther King Hospital.

In 2001, the Telemedicine Program established a partnership with Wilmington Community Clinic to provide pediatric care to public housing residents at the South Scattered Sites, and later to Ujima Village, via the Mary Henry Telemedicine Clinic. The

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clinic has since expanded its services to provide cancer screening, dermatology, and women's services. CDBG funds in the amount of \$75,000 are needed to provide for medical care and for the administrative operations of the clinic.

This project is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) pursuant to 24 CFR Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(4) because it involves a public service that will not have a physical impact or result in any physical changes to the environment. It is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15061 (b)(3) because it is covered by the general rule that CEQA only applies to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the following actions are exempt from the provisions of NEPA and CEQA.
2. Approve the award of a standard CDBG Reimbursable Contract to the Wilmington Clinic, to provide medical and administrative support services to public housing and low-income residents of South Los Angeles County via the Mary Henry Clinic, using \$75,000 in CDBG funds allocated to the Second Supervisorial District.
3. Instruct the Executive Director of the Community Development Commission to execute four copies of the standard CDBG Reimbursable Contract, and any necessary amendments thereto, to be effective following approval as to form by County Counsel, and execution by both parties, through June 30, 2005.

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